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Serial No. 10/649,331
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In re Application of :
Akira MINOURA et al. : **WORKING VEHICLE PROPELLED BY**
: **INDEPENDENTLY DRIVEN RIGHT AND**
: **LEFT RUNNING UNITS**
Serial No. 10/649,331 :
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits this Information Disclosure Statement together with a completed Form PTO/SB/08A and a copy of some of the references listed thereon.

This application corresponds and claims priority to Japanese Application No. 2002-277727, filed September 24, 2002.

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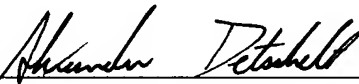
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The relevance of Japanese unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-71790, of which an Abstract is enclosed herewith, is indicated on page 1, lines 28-29 of the specification. U. S. Patent No. 6,578,656 is enclosed herewith as a corresponding English language equivalent of JP 2000-71790. The relevance of Japanese unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-351330 is indicated in the Partial English Translation of the relevant portions of this reference, enclosed herewith.

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